

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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November 30, 2004

FROM: **PATTI AGUIAR**, Fourth District Supervisor
Board of Supervisors

PAUL BIANE, Second District Supervisor
Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: **CONTRACT WITH INLAND VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY FOR FIELD, SHELTER, AND
LICENSING SERVICES IN THE WEST END UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE
COUNTY**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Contract with Inland Valley Humane Society for field, shelter, and licensing services in the West End unincorporated areas of the County in an amount not to exceed \$18,000 annually, as well as any and all revenue collected in these areas for licensing and shelter fees, for the period beginning January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item will allow the Department of Public Health (DPH) to ensure proper and satisfactory services are provided to the citizens in the unincorporated areas in the County's West End. In addition to payment of \$1,500 per month, the licensing, field and shelter revenue collected from residents of approximately \$1,475 per month shall be retained by Inland Valley Humane Society (IVHS) to offset service costs. IVHS currently serves the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Montclair, and Ontario, as well as Pomona, Claremont, Diamond Bar, LaVerne, and San Dimas. IVHS has provided animal control services since 1949. The agreement is for a term of one and a half years.

For several decades, DPH, Animal Care and Control (ACC) has been providing animal control services to the unincorporated regions of the County, including areas that have since incorporated. Incorporations and annexations in the 4th District have greatly reduced Animal Control's service area.

After close consideration and review of the cost versus the revenue brought in by the remaining County pockets in the West End, it has been determined to be in the best interest of the County to outsource services in these areas to the local animal welfare agency. Not only will this save time and money for the County, it will increase service convenience for the residents in unincorporated portions of the 2nd and 4th Districts.

In an effort to procure services for these areas, the County contacted IVHS, the City of Norco Animal Control, and the City of Upland to seek interest. The City of Norco and the City of Upland have both indicated they do not wish to serve this area. IVHS was selected as it desires to serve these areas, and offers a central location for these residents. Key services will include:

- Enforcement of animal laws and issuing citations
- Impoundment of animals
- Licensing of animals
- Quarantine of biting animals
- Investigations of cruelty, vicious animal behavior and biting animals
- Removal of dead animals

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Assigning service responsibility for this area will yield a fully offsetting savings to the Animal Control budget by reducing costs for vehicle usage, staff overtime, and sheltering. Eliminating the need to dispatch County Animal Control staff to the far West End will increase the County's ability to serve other unincorporated communities.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-4177) on November 23, 2004. This item has also been reviewed by County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, (909) 388-0211) on November 17, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this Contract imposes no additional cost to the County. The total estimated net cost for these services is \$53,550 (\$27,000 for this contract and \$26,550 for revenues relinquished to the vendor) for the period of January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The cost for ACC to provide these services directly is estimated to be \$66,300 for this period. By contracting with IVHS, ACC will recognize a cost savings of approximately \$12,750 (minimum) for this term. The total contract amount of \$27,000 will be covered through cost savings associated with vehicle mileage, sheltering and disposal of stray animals, and employee overtime. The contract amount will be paid through the DPH FY 04-05 budget (\$9,000 total) and the FY 05-06 budget (\$18,000 total), in accordance with the contract term. Sufficient appropriations and revenues are included in the DPH's Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget to cover this contract.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval, as it will impose no additional cost to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): Second and Fourth

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